The prices of ATF for international Airlines have been fixed in US dollar w.e.f. 5-9-1988. Air India has been allowed to make payments in rupees equivalent.

The price differential will not have any impact on internal Indian Aviation. The prices with the discounts now become comparable and even lower than prices in several other important international Airports and, therefore, should have a favourable impact on the operations of Air India.

Increase in the prices of polystyrene and PVC

*225. *SHRI KAMAL MORARKA*: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden increase in the price of polystyrene and PVC;

(b) if so, what measures are contemplated to check the price increase;

(c) whether any study is proposed to be conducted to review their price structure; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The prices of polystyrene and PVC to the consumer units have increased primarily due to sharp increase in international prices of these products (almost half of the requirement of polystryrene and PVC is met through imports). The indigenous manufacturers have also been increasing their prices to varying extents from time to time.

(b) to (d) The import levies on polystyrene and PVC have been rationalised more than once since March 1987.

BICP has been asked to conduct cost study of domestic polystyrene and PVC manufacturing units.

Applications forgranting licences for industries in Rajasthan

*228. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the various industrial units in respect of which letters of intent were given in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases where letters of intent were not given and the number of cases where no action was taken by the concerned parties after letters of intent were given;

(c) how many applications for grant of industrial licences and other kinds of clearance from the Central Government are pending for the last three years;

(d) the names of such units together with the proposed location and estimated cost thereof; and

(e) the reasons for holding the clearance in various such cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) A statement is given in Annexure I. (*See* below).

(b) During the years 1986—88 (upto 31-10-1988), 97 applications for grant of industrial licences were rejected. Out of letters of intent granted during 1986—88, 4 (four) letters of intent were treated as lapsed owing to non-implementation of the project by the parties concerned.

(c) to (e) At present 34 applications for letters of intent are at various stages of processing. Details of the applications which are being processed are not divulged until final decisions are taken by the Government.